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- 1. Amendment and Reply under 37 C.F.R. § 1.111 with Exhibits A (date-stamped postcard and a copy of the formal drawings filed on June 16, 2003), B (Watson et al. (1987) Molecular Biology of the Gene, 4th Edition, Benjamin/Cummings Publishing Co. (Menlo Park, CA), pages 226-227), and C (Kristensen et al., J. Biol. Chem. 272:12978-83 (1997)) attached thereto; and
- 2. One (1) return postcard.

It is respectfully requested that the attached postcard be stamped with the date of filing of these documents, and that it be returned to our courier. In the event that extensions of time are necessary to prevent abandonment of this patent application, then such extensions of time are hereby petitioned.

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